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REJUVENATION OF COCONUT PALM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal seeking financial assistance for control of pests, diseases and rejuvenation of coconut palm in some of the Districts of the State;

(b) if so, whether any assistance from Central Development Board has been provided to the State; and

(c) if not, the time by which the amount is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has submitted two project proposals to the Coconut Development Board (CDB) at a total cost of Rs.200.00 lakh for the control of major pests of coconut viz. Eriophyid mite, Black-headed caterpillar and Red palm weevil during November 2006, as detailed below:

Name of Project	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1) Project for control Mites and Black headed caterpillar of Coconut by using Bio-pesticides	150.00
2) Project for control of Red palm weevil of coconut by using Pheromone Traps	50.00
Total	200.00

(b)&(c): The CDB has approved the projects under the Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC) on 01.02.2007 with 25% financial assistance as per norms. Release of funds will be made after the State Government accords administrative approval indicating the State`s share/farmer`s contribution and details of location selected for implementation.